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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

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SCHLOSSBERG, WATSON, O'BRIEN, FRANKEL, ROEBUCK AND COHEN,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in special licenses and permits, further providing  
3 for exotic wildlife dealer permits.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 2962(c) of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by  
8 adding subsections to read:

9 § 2962. Exotic wildlife dealer permits.

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11 (c) Unlawful acts.--It is unlawful for any person [to]:

12 (1) [Import] To import into this Commonwealth, possess,  
13 buy, sell, locate or find for a fee, barter, donate, give  
14 away or otherwise dispose of more than one bird or one animal  
15 classified as exotic wildlife in any calendar year without  
16 first securing a permit issued under this section.

17 (2) [Release] To release exotic wildlife into the wild.

18 (3) [Fail] To fail to exercise due care in safeguarding

1 the public from attack by exotic wildlife.

2 (4) [Recklessly] To recklessly engage in conduct which  
3 places or may place another person in danger of attack by  
4 exotic wildlife.

5 (5) Who owns, operates or manages a facility that  
6 harbors exotic wildlife, to permit the taking of live exotic  
7 wildlife by any person who pays a fee, if the taking is by  
8 any of the following means:

9 (i) The shooting or spearing of exotic wildlife that  
10 is tied or hobbled.

11 (ii) The shooting or spearing of exotic wildlife  
12 that is staked or attached to any object.

13 (iii) The shooting or spearing of exotic wildlife  
14 that is confined in a box, pen, cage or similar container  
15 or in a fenced or other area from which there is no means  
16 for the wildlife to escape.

17 (iv) The deliberate release of exotic wildlife that  
18 is confined in a box, pen, cage or similar container or  
19 in a fenced or other area from which there is no means  
20 for the wildlife to escape in the presence of any person  
21 who is, or will be, shooting or spearing the wildlife.

22 \* \* \*

23 (f) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
24 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
25 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

26 "Fee." Includes, but is not limited to, the payment of any  
27 compensation or remuneration for room, board, meals, lodging or  
28 any other goods or services on the property where the exotic  
29 wildlife is located.

30 "Shooting." The discharge of any type of firearm or bow and

1 arrow.

2 "Spearing." The use of any hand or mechanically propelled  
3 single or multiple pronged pike, blade or harpoon.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.